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Former Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretaries Offer Bipartisan Support for Governor Baker's Hydropower Legislation



BOSTON – Yesterday, Governor Charlie Baker received the bipartisan support of three former secretaries of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Maeve Vally-Bartlett, Rick Sullivan, and Ian Bowles, for the administration's efforts to diversify our state's energy portfolio through the procurement of cost-effective, hydropower generation. The announcement followed a State House meeting between Governor Baker, current Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Matthew Beaton and his

predecessors to discuss the need to stabilize New England's electricity rates, meet the Commonwealth's Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) goals and provide ratepayers with a clean, cost-competitive alternative to coal and oil generation.

Governor Baker, Former EEA Secretaries Maeve Vallely-Bartlett, Rick Sullivan, Ian Bowles and Current EEA Secretary Matthew Beaton
Press Briefing Room, Massachusetts State House
March 22, 2016

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Transcription:

BOWLES: "Hydro power was a major centerpiece of the Greenhouse Gas Plan that we signed off on in 2010 and Governor Patrick began pushing for and I really commend Governor Baker and his team for continuing to make a big push."

SULLIVAN: "The policy is right and it's balanced and it makes sense. It makes sense from an environmental point of view. As Ian indicated, this was always part of the Global Warming Solutions Act and the steps Massachusetts was going to take to meet the most aggressive goals in the country."

VALLELY-BARTLETT: "The Baker Administration has moved forward very comfortably, very strongly on having a combination of energy resources to bring economic stability to our energy crisis as well as meet the goals of the Global Warming Solutions Act."

BEATON: "It speaks to the importance of this topic and how it transcends politics and it is the right thing for the Commonwealth to move forward."

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